

# **\*\*Project Title: Connect Four Game with AI Using Minimax Algorithm\*\***

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## **\*\*1. Introduction:\*\***

This project implements the classic Connect Four game with an AI opponent using the Minimax algorithm enhanced with alpha-beta pruning. The game is developed in Python using the Pygame library for graphical rendering.

## **\*\*2. Objective:\*\***

To create a playable Connect Four game where the user competes against an intelligent computer opponent.

## **\*\*3. Technologies Used:\*\***

- \* Language: Python
- \* Libraries: NumPy, Pygame
- \* Algorithm: Minimax with alpha-beta pruning

## **\*\*4. Features:\*\***

- \* Two-player mode (User vs AI)
- \* AI uses strategic evaluation to choose the best move

- \* Graphical interface for gameplay

## **\*\*5. Game Rules:\*\***

- \* Two players drop colored discs in a 7-column, 6-row grid
- \* The first player to form a horizontal, vertical, or diagonal line of four of their own discs wins

## **\*\*6. Core Functionalities:\*\***

- \* Board creation and display
- \* Player and AI move logic
- \* Win detection (horizontal, vertical, diagonal)
- \* AI decision-making via Minimax

## **\*\*7. Minimax Algorithm:\*\***

- \* Recursively evaluates possible moves to a given depth
- \* Uses score evaluation to choose optimal moves
- \* Alpha-beta pruning optimizes search time

## **\*\*8. Conclusion:\*\***

This project successfully simulates a Connect Four game with a competitive AI opponent. It combines game logic, graphical interface, and artificial intelligence concepts.

## **\*\*9. Future Enhancements:\*\***

- \* Difficulty levels by adjusting Minimax depth
- \* Multiplayer over network
- \* Enhanced UI/UX